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SUBJECT VISIT OF PRESIDENT TITO TO THE US

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1. ON FEB 24, 1978, A/RSO MET WITH MR MITJA STRUKELJ,
THIRD SECRETARY OF THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.
THE MEETING CONCERNED THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT
TITO TO THE US.

2. MR STRUKELJ ADVISED THAT IN ARGENTINA THERE WERE ABOUT
150,000 PEOPLE OF SERBIO-CROAT DESCENT. THE MAJORITY OF
THESE PEOPLE HAD EMIGRATED TO ARGENTINA BEFORE WORLD WAR II
AND WERE NOT OVERTLY ANTAGONISTIC TO THE TITO REGIME IN
YUGOSLAVIA. SOURCE ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO WORLD WAR II,
SOME 15,000 SERBIO-CROATS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "QUISLING"
STATE CREATED BY THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II, ENTERED
ARGENTINA BETWEEN THE YEARS 1945-47. THESE PEOPLE FORM THE
CORNERSTONES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE ACTIVELY
OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT GOVT IN YUGOSLAVIA. SOURCE
IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. A) MOVEMENT FOR CROATIAN LIBERATION (REORGANIZAED) HAS
THE MOST MEMBERS (600-700) AND IS THE MOST ACTIVE ORGANI
ZATION IN ARGENTINA. THEIR HEADQUARTERS ARE SALTA 1241,
AND BOEDO 1061/67, BUENOS AIRES. THIS ORGANIZATION IS
LED BY DR VJEKOSLAV VRANCIC, WELL KNOWN INCITER OF SUB
VERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND A FORMER MINISTER IN THE GOVT OF
ANTE PAVELIC. OTHER ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE: VIKTOR MAKAR,

MARIAN STILINOVIC, PROFESSOR IVO PORIC AND PROFESSOR DOLORES BRACANOVIC.

B) MOVEMENT FOR CROATIAN LIBERATION IS A FACTION OF THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION, LED BY JOSIP ASANCAIC. THE SECRETARY OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS JORIP SUSIC. COMPOSED OF SOME 100 TO 150 MEMBERS, ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE AT HERRERA 1418, BUENOS AIRES. OTHER ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE: ZVONKO HASANAY, EMIL KLAIC, LJUBO ONDELJ AND MATAN ALIC.

C) POPULAR CROATIAN RESISTANCE, A WELL KNOWN TERRORIST GROUP IS ORGANIZED AND INCORPORATED WITH THE MOVEMENT FOR CROATIAN LIBERATION (REORGANIZED). THIS ORGANIZATION IS REPRESENTED BY PROFESSOR TIHOMIL MAJCEN, LUKAS JURICIC AKA NIKOLA STANISIC, BOZO VEIC, MIRKO BURIC AND TOMISA GRGIC. THE MOST DANGEROUS MEMBER OF THIS ORGRANIZATION IS DINKO SAKIC, ALIAS LJUBOMIR BILANOVIC, OF YERBAL 2226, SAN JUSTO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHO HAS ORGANIZED TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA. THIS GROUP ALSO COLLABORATES WITH THE SERBIO-CROAT TERRORIST GROUP LOCATED IN PARAGUAY.

4. SOURCE PROVIDED THE NAMES AND SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF SERBIO-CROAT TERRORISTS NOW RESIDING IN PARAGUAY AND SPAIN: JOZO DAMJANOVIC - BORN ON OCT 6, 1937 IN STRUPNIC, NEAR LIVNO, SON OF MATEO AND CELA DAMJANOVIC. PROFESSION, CARPENTER. HE LEFT YUGOSLAVIA IN 1959. IN 1969 HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDEMNED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SHOOTING SOCIAL WORKER MIHAIL VLAHOVIC. HE TRAVELLED TO PARAGUAY ON MARCH 28 AND ON JUNE 7, 1976 HE ASSASSINATED MR CARLOS ABDALA, URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY. JOSIP KOVAC - BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] IN VINICA, NEAR DUVNO. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TERRORISTS ORGANIZATION "CROATIAN REVOLUTIONARY BROTHERHOOD" (HRVATSKO REVOLUCIONARIO BRATSTVO) AND IS CONSIDERED AN EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS TERRORIST. HE WAS IN AUSTRIA FROM 1959 UNTIL 1975. HE WENT TO THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC WHERE HE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN A RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE AND SO TRAVELLED TO SPAIN. KOVAC COMPLETED A COURSE ON TERRORISM AND TOOK PART IN SEVERAL ANTI YUGOSLAVIAN ACTIVITIES. WITH ZDRAVKO BENO, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF YUGOSLAVIAN

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CONSUL EDVIN ZDOVC IN FRANKFURT. (C) MARINKO LEMO
BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] IN DJAKOVO, SON OF JOSE LEMO AND
MARIA JRIC. HE LEFT YUGOSLAVIA IN 1969. IN 1971 HE WAS
CONDEMNED BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES AS A PARTNER IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF AMB ROLOVIC, YUGOSLAVIAN AMB TO SWEDEN. HE HAS
BEEN IN PARAGUAY SINCE JUNE 1976.

(D) ZDRAVKO BENO BORN IN HOTONJ, NEAR CAPLJINA, ON
DEC 17, 1936, SON OF VIDOJE BENO. AFTER LEAVING YUGOSLAVIA
HE WENT TO THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC WHERE HE JOINED
THE TERRORISTS ORGANIZATION "CROATIAN REVOLUTIONARY BROTHER
HOOD." HE WAS CHARGED BY THIS ORGANIZATION WITH OBTAINING
ARMS AND INSTRUCTION MATERIAL FOR TERRORISTS. HE COLLABORATED
CLOSELY WITH THE ASSASSINS OF AMB ROLOVIC. HE TRAVELED TO
SPAIN WHERE HE WAS IMPRISONED. AFTER HIS INTERROGATION
BY THE SPANISH AND GERMAN POLICE, HE WENT TO PARAGUAY.
HE IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
AGAINST THE GOVT OF YUGOSLAVIA. (3) ANDJELKO (ANGEL)
BRAJKOVIC BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] IN DUBRAVICE, NEAR SIBENIK,
SON OF MIGUEL AND MARA BRAJKOVIC. HE WAS CONDEMNED BY
SWEDISH AUTHORITIES TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR THE ASSASSINA
TION OF AMB VLADIMIR ROLOVIC. HE
WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AS PART OF A HIJACK EXCHANGE
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ARRANGEMENT. HE WENT TO SPAIN AND IN 1974 TO PARAGUAY
WHERE HE IS LIVING AT PRESENT.
(F) ANTE (ANTONIO) STOJANOV BORN ON JUNE 5, 1936 IN
DRAGA, NEAR BIOGRAD NA MORU, SON OF KARLO AND DUMA
STOJANOV. THE SWEDISH COURT OF JUSTICE CONDEMNED HIM
TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ASSAS
SINATION OF THE YUGOSLAV AMB, VLADIMIR ROLOVIC. HE

HAS BEEN IN PARAGUAY SINCE JUNE 1974.

(G) BLAGO MIKULIC BORN IN KECERIN (LESTICA) IN 1944, SON OF IVAN (JUAN) MIKULIC. HE WAS CONDEMNED IN SWEDEN TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK ON THE YUGOSLAV CONSULATE IN FEB 1971. HE HAS BEEN IN PARAGUAY SINCE JUNE 1974.

(H) IVAN (JUAN) VUJICEVIC BORN ON AUG 18, QORO IN SEONICA, NEAR KONJIC, SON OF TADIA VUJICEVIC. HE WAS CONDEMNED BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACK AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL IN GOTENBURG. HE HAS BEEN IN PARAGUAY SINCE JUNE 1974.

4. SOURCE STATE HE WOULD PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUIRED. NOTE: ON 10 FEB, RSO NOTIFIED CONSULAR SECTION TO INFORM US OF ANY VISA APPLICATIONS FROM YUGOSLAV, CROATIAN OR SERBIAN NATIONALS. TO DATE, NO VISA REQUESTS FROM THE ABOVE HAVE BEEN FILED.
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